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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 USC § 371 from

the International Application of :

Walter August Maria Broeckx et al. :

Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/03521 :

Filed in the RO/US on 09 February 2000 :

Entitled: Low Density Particulate Solids Useful in Laundry
Detergents

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 1-12 and insert therefor new Claims 13-23 as follows.

13. (New) A laundry detergent composition comprising:
- a) one or more low density expandable particles selected from the group consisting of microspheres, cavity-forming components, pore-forming components, and mixtures thereof; and
 - b) one or more non-enzyme comprising laundry adjunct ingredients in the form of a particulate solid;
- wherein said exponible microsphere when expanded has a density of less than 0.4 g/mL.

14. (New) A composition according to Claim 13 wherein said microspheres comprise an expandable materials selected from the group consisting of liquid hydrocarbons, gases, and mixtures thereof.

15. (New) A composition according to Claim 13 wherein said low density particles comprise a thermoplastic material.

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